

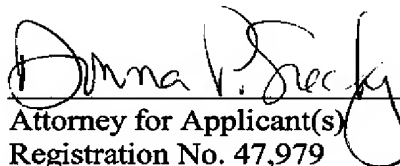
REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed August 31, 2009, the application has been carefully reviewed and amended. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the application is respectively requested. Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10 have been amended to more particularly claim the invention described, to overcome informalities, and to overcome the objections raised by the Examiner.

In the specification the incorrect double reference to x has been corrected so that the second x (number of sheets between two seams) is changed into n to avoid misunderstandings. x is now used as a function of the number of cycles carried out by the transport belt while sheet i passes through the duplex terminal loop only. The objection to claim 1 due to an informality has also been corrected by changing "the alternate selection" to "an alternate selection". The amendments of claim 1 and 10 are based on the specification at page 3, lines 5-8, page 7, line 26 and page 8, lines 24-25 respectively.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments and expediting prosecution of this application towards allowance.

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